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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, in which it decided to establish the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the recommendations on international institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development, as contained in chapter 38 of Agenda 21, 1/ in which, inter alia, the need for a strengthened role for the United Nations Environment Programme and its Governing Council was stressed and priority areas on which the Programme should concentrate were elaborated,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

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Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eighteenth session, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the Programme, 3/ the note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the Programme in environmental monitoring, 4/ and the note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment, 5/

1. Endorses the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eighteenth session and the decisions contained therein; 6/

2. Welcomes, in particular, Governing Council decision 18/7 of 26 May 1995 concerning the relationship between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Commission on Sustainable Development and the role of the Programme in and its contribution to the implementation of Agenda 21;

3. Requests the Governing Council to prepare a report on the role and activities of the Programme in the implementation of Agenda 21, in accordance with its mandate, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its special session on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21;

4. Notes with concern the lack of sufficient and timely financial contributions to the Environment Fund and calls upon Governments to contribute or increase their contributions to the Environment Fund, make their pledges in advance of the year to which they relate and pay their contributions early in the year in order to allow for the full and effective implementation of the work programme;

5. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme to promote maximum and cost-effective utilization of the conference facilities at its headquarters in Nairobi, and calls upon Governments and relevant intergovernmental bodies to support such efforts to ensure optimum utilization of the capacity of all United Nations conference facilities, with a view to redressing the present balance;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/50/25).

3/ A/50/171.

4/ A/50/371.

5/ A/C.2/50/2.

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/50/25), annex.

6. Welcomes also Governing Council decision 18/10 6/ on good environmental housekeeping within the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies and other organizations of the system to apply the good housekeeping practices set out in that decision as soon as possible;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

Philippines*: draft resolution

Desertification and drought

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/175 of 21 December 1993 in which it recalled the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development set forth in chapter 12, entitled "Managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought", of Agenda 21 1/ and took note of the recommendation contained in paragraph 38.27 of Agenda 21 and of decision 93/33 of 18 June 1993 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/

Noting the work being undertaken under the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolution Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35), annex I.

Recalling its resolution 48/175, in which it recalled the appeals to the United Nations Development Programme to the United Nations Environment Programme to continue and strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification, notably through support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office by the joint venture programme,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of its resolution 48/175, 3/

Expressing its concern at the present level of resources available to relevant United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, to support activities to combat desertification and mitigate drought in all affected developing countries and regions,

1. Welcomes the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme to strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification through the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme partnership to combat desertification;

2. Renews its appeal to Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, as well as non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to relevant United Nations bodies, including, the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, to strengthen their capacity to support activities to combat desertification and mitigate drought in all affected developing countries and regions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

3/ A/50/347.